



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

For the purpose of identifying effective and sustainable models for possible expansion in future years, the Roma Education Fund (REF) is accepting proposals aiming to support access to quality integrated pre-school education for Romani children in the Czech Republic in order to prepare them for a successful transition into integrated, standard primary education.

Eligible to apply for REF funding under this call are consortia including at least one institution in each of the following categories:

- Pre-school institutions or standard (i.e., mainstream) primary schools providing pre-school education
- Standard primary schools
- Municipal authorities
- Romani or pro-Romani non-governmental organizations

In order to be funded, proposals must ensure access to integrated pre-school education in the 2009-2010 school year, with no more than 25% Romani children in any pre-school group or class included in the project. Supported initiatives will also provide for accurate collection of data and sharing among all members of the consortium as well as with REF on the ethnic composition of pre-school groups and classes, as well as on individual attendance in pre-school education and enrolment in primary education for all children (Romani and non-Romani) in the groups and classes covered by the project. The collection of data should include comparable information on the situation in the previous school year, and should gather information about both children included in the project and those who are not. All data collection should follow relevant data protection regulations.

Additional criteria for assessing proposals for funding under this call include:

- The set of activities proposed to bring about sustainable integration in education, including but not necessarily limited to collection of data on the pre- and primary school-age population in the locality and on school enrollments, community work with parents, assistance in completing enrollment procedures, mechanisms for assigning children to groups and classes; material support to Romani children in need, professional support to education institutions and teachers, and facilitating contacts between parents and teachers;
- Capacity and experience of the individual institutions and organizations forming the consortia in the types of activities proposed;
- The viability of the proposed mechanisms for cooperation in project activities among pre-school institutions or primary schools providing pre-school education, primary schools, municipal authorities, and NGOs which together form the consortium applying for funding;



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- Potential for sustainability and expansion of the proposed activities after the period of REF funding for the project; and
- Co-funding provided by participating municipalities.

The maximum REF contribution for each proposal funded under this call is EUR 20 000.

Complete proposals in English consisting of an Application Form, Budget Table, and CVs of key staff should be sent via electronic mail to [info@romaeducationfund.org](mailto:info@romaeducationfund.org) by 27 July 2009.

Application materials are available from REF's website: [www.romaeducationfund.org](http://www.romaeducationfund.org).

Successful applicants will be notified by 10 August 2009, with support for developing project implementation plans provided immediately after project approval. Project implementation should begin by 1 September 2009.

In case of a need for further information or consultation on draft proposals, please contact Lýdia Bariová, Country Facilitator.

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